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Name of small business: NAKAKIN CO., LTD.

Address: 1-21, Kikawahigashi 4-chome, Yodogawa-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan

It is hereby certified that the total number of full- and part-time employees of the above-identified small business, including those of any of its affiliates, has not exceeded 500 during the past year and does not exceed that number within the preceding 12 months.

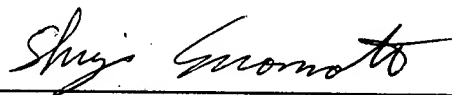
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Name: Shuji Enomoto

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I, the undersigned inventor hereby declare that my residence, post office address, and my citizenship are correctly stated below following my signature; that to the best of my knowledge I am the first, original and sole inventor (if only one signature appears below), or first original and joint inventor (if more signatures appear) of the invention described and claimed in the application for United States Letters Patent, having the title:

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the description of which is enclosed herewith and I state that I reviewed and understand the contents of the enclosed specification and claims and recognize my obligation pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 to disclose all information that is material to the examination and prosecution of this patent application. I hereby state that I authorized the filing of this application.

I hereby claim the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate identified below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate for the same invention filed before that of the application(s) for which priority is claimed:

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